GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Culling of Pigs
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

a) the details of the tribes which are involved in raising of pigs for meat purpose and for their livelihood in the country including Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that there was a large scale culling of pigs in the country including Andhra Pradesh recently, if so, the main reasons for such culling;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to avoid such culling of pigs in future;

(d) whether it is true that the epidemics in pigs cannot be treated like any other epidemic diseases in the country, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether there is any proposal with the Government to allot land by Municipal Corporations and Panchayats for raising of pigs in a scientific way as it is being done in many advanced/developed countries of the world, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) No survey has been undertaken for details of the tribes which are involved in raising of pigs for meat purpose.

(b) & (c) Department has no report of any large scale culling of pigs in the country including Andhra Pradesh. However, after the occurrence of Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) in Mizoram in March, 2013, infected pigs have been culled. Thereafter, surveillance is being continued in all the North Eastern States and sero-positive animals have been culled in the States of Assam, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Manipur. The surveillance of the disease is being continued and recently no outbreak/cases have been reported.

(d) Diseases like Classical Swine Fever (CFS), Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Haemorrhagic Septicaemia (HS) in pigs are preventable with timely vaccination. The Department is implementing Classical Swine Fever Control Programme initially focusing in the North Eastern States. Under the programme, vaccination is being routinely done for the control of Classical Swine Fever.

(e) Land and its management falls within the legislative and administrative jurisdiction of the State Governments.
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